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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2006 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2006 should be the representative of a member of the African States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 17 January 2006 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

Report of the Committee for Development Policy

In its decision 2005/306, the Council decided to defer consideration of the report of the Committee for Development Policy to a later date, with a view to concluding its deliberation before the commencement of the eighth session of the Committee. In this context, the Council continued to examine the issue and has successfully concluded its deliberations and is before the Council for its final consideration.

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (E/2005/33)

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council, Munir Akram (Pakistan) on the basis of informal consultations (E/2005/L.52)

Coordination segment of the Council

Theme for the coordination segment of the substantive session of 2007-2008 of the Economic and Social Council and multi-year work programme for the coordination segment

In its decision 2005/221, the Council decided to continue consultations on a multi-year work programme for the coordination segment, with a view to finalizing the work programme before the beginning of its substantive session of 2006.

Request to reactivate the consultations of the inclusion of the item entitled "Observance by the Government of Myanmar of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)" in the agenda of the substantive session of the Council in 2006

At its 10th plenary meeting, on 2 July 2001, the Council decided that additional consultations were required with regard to the inclusion in the agenda of the substantive session of 2001 of the issue of the observance by the Government of Myanmar of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) and therefore decided to postpone its consideration to a later date. In accordance with rule 9, paragraph 2 (g) of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) is proposing to reactivate the inclusion of an item in the agenda of the substantive session of 2006 entitled, "Observance by the Government of Myanmar of the ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)".

Documentation

Letter dated 30 June 2005 from the Director-General of the International Labour Office to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (E/2005/11)

Request for change of dates for the fifth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration

The Committee of Experts on Public Administration requested a change of dates for the fifth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration from 3 to 7 April 2006 to 27 to 31 March 2006.

Application of an intergovernmental organization for consultative status with the Council

The Council will have before it the application for consultative status with the Council of an intergovernmental organization, namely, the Directorate of Strategic Partnerships of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture.

Documentation

Letter dated 20 October 2005 from the Directorate of Strategic Partnerships of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (E/2005/12)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2006 and 2007 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

In its decision 2005/313, the Council decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2006 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development".

In its decision 2005/221, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2006 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger".

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2006.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other

members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2006 and 2007 (E/2006/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2005 (E/2006/2/Add.1)[1]

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2006

	Term expires on 31 December
Albania	2007
Angola	2008
Armenia	2006
Austria	2008
Australia	2007
Bangladesh	2006
Belgium	2006
Belize	2006
Benin	2008
Brazil	2007
Canada	2006
Chad	2007
China	2007
Colombia	2006
Costa Rica	2007
Cuba	2008
Czech Republic	2008
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2007
Denmark	2007
France	2008
Germany	2008
Guinea	2007
Guinea-Bissau	2008
Guyana	2008
Haiti	2008
Iceland	2007
India	2007
Indonesia	2006
Italy	2006
Japan	2008
Lithuania	2007
Madagascar	2008
Mauritania	2008
Mauritius	2006
Mexico	2007
Namibia	2006

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Nigeria	2006
Pakistan	2007
Panama	2006
Paraguay	2008
Poland	2006
Republic of Korea	2006
Russian Federation	2007
Saudi Arabia	2008
South Africa	2007
Spain	2008
Sri Lanka	2008
Thailand	2007
Tunisia	2006
Turkey	2008
United Arab Emirates	2006
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2007
United Republic of Tanzania	2006
United States of America	2006